

Salem United Methodist Church

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Oct
2023



We are called to be active in God's blessing of the world!

The Spirit



Join us >>>

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

- 10:45 a.m. service is
livestreamed at
salemunited.org/livestream
- Summer worship: 2nd
service is at 10:00 a.m. in
person & online from
Father's Day to Labor Day

Wednesday Evening Outdoor
Vespers

- 6:30 p.m., weather
permitting



Pastor's Message

When a person is baptized and received into our family of faith, we make promises to provide a community that demonstrates Jesus Christ's love for and value of all persons. We welcome them with words from our Baptismal Covenant (which can be found in The United Methodist Hymnal and The United Methodist Book of Worship). Consider prayerfully these words.

The pastor asks the congregation: "Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?"

The congregation answers: "With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life."

Our commitment is to demonstrate the love of Christ in our life together. One of the ways we fulfill our pledge is to strive to create a sense of safety and well-being for everyone. This is what we mean when we use the phrase "safe sanctuary."

In the past few months, I have been working with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the Church Council to update Salem's Safe Sanctuary Policy. An expanded policy was adopted by our Council on September 27, 2023.

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Pastor's Message (cont. from page 1) >>>

Let me share a quote from the document's purpose: "Our congregation's purpose for establishing this Safe Sanctuary Policy and accompanying procedures is to demonstrate our absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all our community, especially children and youth." I would add to this statement that we are including vulnerable adults specifically in our policy. We have built on our commitment to providing the safest environment possible. Several of us have received more intensive training through Safe Gatherings. We have utilized the latest resources available to us and have begun implementing our updated policies. Volunteers who work with our children and youth have received expanded training and completed more comprehensive paperwork. In addition, we have discussed the policy with our youth and their parents.

We would like to invite you to learn more about our safe sanctuary policy. On Sunday, October 22 after the early service in the chapel and after the 10:45 a.m. service in the sanctuary, we will have congregational information sessions, where we will have copies of the policies and procedures available.

If you would like to read the entire Safe Sanctuary Policies and Procedures Manual, please contact Tara (salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com) or let me know.

I look forward to sharing with you about the work we have been doing. I continue to be blessed by our community as we grow together in the love of God and the grace of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Stacey



Financial Secretary's Notes >>>

Third quarter giving statements will be e-mailed on October 6th at 9:00 am. Please check your junk or spam folders for your statement if you don't see it in your inbox. If you find that your giving statements regularly go to your junk or spam folders, please add kqsersen@hotmail.com to your contacts. This may correct the issue, since your email program will recognize the email as coming from a contact instead of a list email. As always, please contact Karen Sersen with any questions/concerns or changes of e-mail address.



United
Women
in Faith

Thank you to everyone who participated in making and/or purchasing our cloth grocery bags! Your generosity has allowed us to raise \$830! It has been decided that \$400 will be donated to UMCOR for Ukraine relief efforts. Another \$400 will be donated to the 755 Alliance in Edgewood, organized by Bang Tam Miller, to help provide free hygiene supplies for the community.

During October, the UWF's Blessing Bags and Cards mission will be delivering a lap quilt from the Sewing Samaritan group at Salem to those listed in our Members Corner.

For those of you who are looking for a new book to read – don't forget about the UWF Reading Program! The 2024 Reading Program is now available on the UWF website at uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/



Blessing of the Animals

Three opportunities!

- Wed. Oct. 4th, 6:30pm
- Sun. Oct 15, 9:15am or 12:30pm

Please be sure to have your pet leashed or in a carrier.

Church Conference >>>

Our annual Church Conference will be held Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 pm. This year, Salem will join with two neighboring congregations via Zoom for the conference. We will gather in the Sanctuary to participate together. If you would like to attend, but can't be there in person, please contact Pastor Stacey for Zoom information.



On Saturday, November 4th at 6pm the Salem Spotlighters will be having a reunion dinner. We ask that anyone who was involved in some way in these productions to please consider attending. There's room for everyone! It will be so nice to see our fellow actors together again. Bring a dish to share and any memorabilia you may have (stolen props are acceptable). We will have time to share our many stories from the plays.

Come early (5pm) to the sanctuary to watch the first Faith County play. You will really enjoy rewatching this fine production.

Donations FOR Luna's House

During October, we will be collecting items for Luna's House in Edgewood.

Flyer and donation bin are located in the narthex.

Donation ideas:

- Paper towels
- Trash bags (30 and/or 13 gallon sizes)
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Dog/Cat toys (Kong, Nylabone, Catnip, etc.)
- Clumping cat litter
- Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Home Depot, or Lowe's



Save the Date >>>

On Sunday, November 19th at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary, an elder fraud investigator from the FBI will present a program on scams and frauds often directed at the elderly.



SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SANDWICHES & SWEETS

Carry-out at the same great prices as last fall!

Sunday, October 1, 2023
10:30 am - 1:30 pm

- Pit Beef
- Peppers/Sausage/Onions
- Apple Dumplings
- Chips/Beverages

Great for watching football or an easy meal!

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World Communion Sunday is October 1st

Join us for Breads & Spreads in the Hall following
10:45 am service



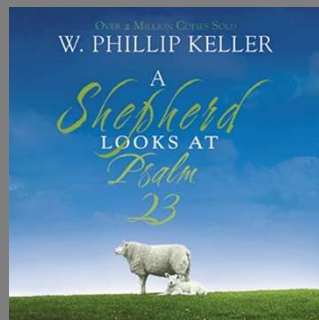
Salem's Mission

We are called to be active in God's blessing of the world through our commitment to welcoming one another, growing in grace, serving our neighbors and caring for all God's people.

Youth News >>>

Our Youth have been busy! They were all there for movie night on September 23rd, where they popped and ate a lot of popcorn and then enjoyed the movie (and it only took a few minutes to vacuum the Chapel floor!). Then, a few days later, nine of the youth went to the Wash 'N Fold laundromat in Edgewood to pay for the laundry services of the customers. Thank you to our Salem church family for supporting this ministry. It's amazing how grateful the recipients are. Afterward, the youth were treated to ice cream by the owner of the laundromat, Bang Tam Miller, after a "job well done!"

Next up for the Youth is a trip to the Beachmont Corn Maze on Friday, October 20th. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Judy Jones.



Pastor's Bible Study >>>

Pastor Stacey will be leading the study, "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" by W. Phillip Keller on October 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 7:00 pm in the church office. This study will also be available to participate in by Zoom (Zoom link can be found at salemunited.org/bible-study). If you would like a book for the study (\$3.00), or for more information, please contact Pastor Stacey.

VENDORS NEEDED!

SAT, DECEMBER 2
8-10:30 AM



PANCAKE BREAKFAST & HOLIDAY SHOP

CRAFTERS, ARTISTS, &
DIRECT SALES VENDORS
WELCOME!



FOR AN APPLICATION OR WITH QUESTIONS, CONTACT TARA
SALEMUNITEDUPPERFALLS@GMAIL.COM



Upcoming Events at Salem UMC

For details, visit salemunited.org

October

1st: Sandwiches & Sweets, 10:30am - 1:30pm
4th: Blessing of the Animals, 6:30pm
28th: Trunk or Treat, 4:00-6:00pm

November

3rd: Paint Night, 6:30pm
4th: Salem Spotlighters Reunion, 5:00pm

December

2nd: Pancake Breakfast & Holiday Shop, 8:00-10:30am
2nd: Advent Workshop, 9:30-11:00am
13th: Service of Healing & Hope, 7:00pm

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Contact Us!

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*Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday
9am – Noon
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Members Corner >>>

Please remember our members who are unable to join us with a phone call or card.

Rocky Ails – Lake Wylie Assisted Living, 4877 Charlotte Hwy, Apartment 334, Lake Wylie, SC 29710

Hank Danker – 506 Haverhill Road, Joppa, MD 21085

Betty Knight – 8810 Walther Blvd, #1626, Baltimore, MD 21234

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Alice Stewart c/o Paul Stewart – 217 Garnett Rd, Joppa, MD 21085

Betty Zengel – 8100 Rossville Blvd., Brightview Room 308, Baltimore, MD 21236

Paint Night

Nov. 3rd
6:30 pm

- \$30 per person •
- Signup in Narthex •
- Snacks/drinks included •

Questions? Contact
Sue Yurek.

Last Call for Donations

Thanks to your generosity, Salem has raised \$930 to be sent to UMCOR's Hawaii Relief fund, and \$4,430 to be sent to the Lahaina UMC! If you would still like to make a donation, please mark your check with the fund you would like to support and place it in the offering.





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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:30am – 1:30pm Sandwiches & Sweets w/ Mum pickup | 2 9am Aerobics (Hall) | 3 | 4 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Blessing of the Animals/Vespers | 5 | 6 9am Aerobics (Hall) | 7 |
| 8 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 9 NO AEROBICS 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor) | 10 6:30pm Church Conference (Sanctuary) | 11 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers | 12 | 13 9am Aerobics (Hall) | 14 |
| 15 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 9:15am or 12:30pm Blessing of the Animals (Lawn) | 16 NO AEROBICS 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor) | 17 7pm Finance Committee (Salem Room) | 18 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers | 19 7pm Book Club (call office) | 20 9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Lunch (call office) | 21 |
| 22 8&10:45 am Services with Safe Sanctuary info session after each 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 23 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor) | 24 | 25 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers | 26 | 27 9am Aerobics (Hall) | 28 4-6pm Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot) |
| 29 8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 30 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor) | 31 | | 8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am service live stream: salemunited.org/livestream Pastor's Study Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408 | | |



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